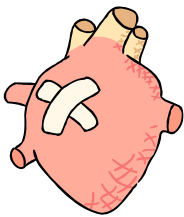


Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant Flexible Funding for Missouri's Public Health Programs

The Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant provides funding for health problems in Missouri that range from food borne infections to coronary heart disease. PHHS Block Grant dollars assist in funding 17 different Missouri health programs.

*PHHS Block Grant funds allow Missouri to use dollars **where** we need them, **when** we need them to protect the public's health.* Missouri focuses the majority of its PHHS Block Grant funds in the areas of cancer, cardiovascular risk reduction, chronic disease prevention, community food sanitation, diabetes, emergency medical services, community health programs, rape prevention, and tuberculosis. Examples follow of programs that serve our state's unique health needs through the PHHS Block Grant:



Coronary Heart Disease – Cardiovascular Risk Reduction Program

PHHS Block Grant funds are used to support local communities in implementing policy and environmental changes, promoting prevention of heart disease, and coordinating the delivery of community programs to include blood pressure, blood glucose, and cholesterol awareness. From 2000 to 2003, the rate of heart disease deaths among Missouri residents has fallen by 10.4% (4.4% for African Americans). Despite this progress, Missouri's heart disease death rate in 2003 (261.2 per 100,000 population) is higher than the U.S. average (232.1 per 100,000).



Foodborne Infections – Community Sanitation for Food Safety

PHHS Block Grant funds are used to conduct annual inspections of food manufacturing/processing facilities to assure their safe and sanitary operation and to increase the education/competency of milk regulatory personnel. In addition, through a training institute, DHSS provides extensive training to local public health agencies to assure competency in conducting retail food establishment inspections and focus on reducing the occurrence of foodborne illness risk factors



Overall Cancer Deaths – Cancer Prevention

PHHS Block Grant funds are used to provide Missouri communities information about cancer rates and risk factors to support eight regional cancer control coalitions, which conduct cancer control activities within their communities. In the past 5 years (1998-2002), the rate of cancer deaths among Missouri residents, believed to be due to the use of evidence-based practices, has fallen by 4.6%.



Emergency Medical Services – Trauma Centers

PHHS Block Grant funds are used to license emergency medical technicians (2369 in 2004), paramedics (962), ground (216) and air (14) ambulance services, emergency medical response agencies (27), and trauma centers (29); to accredit emergency medical services training entities (27); and to improve access to delivery of emergency medical services to injured or ill citizens

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